

Leadbeater House
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Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Leadbeater

Present Occupant and Use: Residence

Description

Common Bond using pressed brick, Greek Revival style.

Number of stories: 2 ½

Historical Data

Year of erection: early 19th C.

Built for (first owner): Unknown

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Notable events and occupants

Chaste Simplicity of design and strong contrast between masonry and pure white trim, contribute distinction to this home. It is absolutely symmetrical except for the conservatory to the south. There is a 3-bay facade crowned by heavy modillion cornice and flat hipped roof. The frieze incorporates small attic windows covered with cast-iron grills. Large windows have moulded stone heads. Basement and steps are of red stone. Well designed Ionic portico with transomed doorway and sidelights dominate the composition.

Documentary history of this building has not been compiled. The structure is undoubtedly the best preserved example of the Greek Revival in town.

References: HABI form, prepared by T. Russell Jones, and Worth Bailey,
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Approved

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